

## 8.7 Worker Health and Safety

### 8.7.1 Introduction

The City of Vernon (City) proposes to develop a power plant (VPP) on a 13.7-acre property at the southeast corner of Fruitland and Boyle avenues. The VPP will be a 914-megawatt (MW) net (at 65 degrees Fahrenheit [°F] with duct burners and evaporative cooling)/943-MW (gross) combined-cycle generating facility configured using three natural-gas-fired combustion turbines and one steam turbine. Two transmission line options are being considered to connect the plant to Southern California Edison's (SCE) Laguna Bell Substation. Natural gas for the facility will be delivered via approximately 2,300 feet of new 24-inch pipeline that will connect to Southern California Gas Company's (SoCalGas) existing gas transmission line (Line 765). Potable water for drinking, safety showers, fire protection, service water, and sanitary uses will be served from the City's potable water system through two 10-inch pipelines connecting to the City's water mains. One would connect in Boyle Avenue and the other one in Fruitland Avenue. Recycled water for industrial purposes will be provided by the Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) through a nominal 16-inch carbon steel (or if using high density polyethylene [HDPE], a 20-inch) water line connecting to its recycled water line in Boyle Avenue, adjacent to the plant site. The blowdown will be sent to Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD) via a new 2,400-foot section of City sanitary sewer line.

This subsection contains worker health and safety information including the laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (LORS) that apply to this project along with specific sections outlining the safety training programs and general health and safety programs that will be prepared and implemented for this project, the methods to control the anticipated hazards, fire protection information, and general information on permitting agencies and contacts.

### 8.7.2 Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and Standards

Construction and operation of VPP will be conducted in accordance with all applicable LORS. Tables 8.7-1 through 8.7-4 summarize the LORS relating to worker health and safety. Table 8.7-1 provides a summary of federal LORS; Table 8.7-2 summarizes the state LORS; Table 8.7-3 lists the local (county) LORS; and Table 8.7-4 provides a summary of the applicable national consensus standards.

TABLE 8.7-1  
Federal Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and Standards

Law, Ordinance, Regulation, or Standard	Applicability
Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910*	Contains the minimum occupational safety and health standards for general industry in the United States
Title 29 CFR Part 1926*	Contains the minimum occupational safety and health standards for the construction industry in the United States

\* Primary laws and regulations governing worker health and safety in California are provided in Table 8.7-2. These regulations are for reference and apply as referenced by California occupational safety and health regulations. Where a particular situation is not addressed by those regulations, the CFR will be consulted for guidance.

**TABLE 8.7-2**  
**State Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and Standards**

<b>Law, Ordinance, Regulation, or Standard</b>	<b>Applicability</b>
California Occupational Safety and Health Act, 1970	Establishes minimum safety and health standards for construction and general industry operations in California
8 California Code of Regulations (CCR) 339	Requires list of hazardous chemicals relating to the Hazardous Substance Information and Training Act
8 CCR 450	Addresses hazards associated with pressurized vessels
8 CCR 750	Addresses hazards associated with high-pressure steam
8 CCR 1509	Addresses requirements for construction, accident, and prevention plans
8 CCR 1509, et seq., and 1684, et seq.	Addresses construction hazards, including head, hand, and foot injuries and noise and electrical shock
8 CCR 1528, et seq., and 3380, et seq.	Requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE)
8 CCR 1597, et seq., and 1590, et seq.	Requirements addressing the hazards associated with traffic accidents and earth-moving
8 CCR 1604, et seq.	Requirements for construction hoist equipment
8 CCR 1620, et seq., and 1723, et seq.	Addresses miscellaneous hazards
8 CCR 1709, et seq.	Requirements for steel reinforcing, concrete pouring, and structural steel erection operations
8 CCR 1920, et seq.	Requirements for fire protection systems
8 CCR 2300, et seq., and 2320, et seq.	Requirements for addressing low-voltage electrical hazards
8 CCR 2395, et seq.	Addresses electrical installation requirements
8 CCR 2700, et seq.	Addresses high-voltage electrical hazards
8 CCR 3200, et seq., and 5139, et seq.	Requirements for control of hazardous substances
8 CCR 3203, et seq.	Requirements for operational accident prevention programs
8 CCR 3270, et seq., and 3209, et seq.	Requirements for evacuation plans and procedures
8 CCR 3301, et seq.	Requirements for addressing miscellaneous hazards, including hot pipes, hot surfaces, compressed air systems, relief valves, enclosed areas containing flammable or hazardous materials, rotation equipment, pipelines, and vehicle-loading dock operations.
8 CCR 3360, et seq.	Addresses requirements for sanitary conditions
8 CCR 3511, et seq., and 3555, et seq.	Requirements for addressing hazards associated with stationary engines, compressors, and portable, pneumatic, and electrically powered tools
8 CCR 3649, et seq., and 3700, et seq.	Requirements for addressing hazards associated with field vehicles
8 CCR 3940, et seq.	Requirements for addressing hazards associated with power transmission, compressed air, and gas equipment
8 CCR 5109, et seq.	Requirements for addressing construction accident and prevention programs

**TABLE 8.7-2**  
State Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and Standards

<b>Law, Ordinance, Regulation, or Standard</b>	<b>Applicability</b>
8 CCR 5110, et seq.	Requirements for the implementation of an ergonomics program
8 CCR 5139, et seq.	Requirements for addressing hazards associated with welding, sandblasting, grinding, and spray-coating
8 CCR 5150, et seq.	Requirements for confined space entry
8 CCR 5160, et seq.	Requirements for addressing hot, flammable, poisonous, corrosive, and irritant substances
8 CCR 5192, et seq.	Requirements for conducting emergency response operations
8 CCR 5194, et seq.	Requirements for employee exposure to dusts, fumes, mists, vapors, and gases
8 CCR 5405, et seq.; 5426, et seq.; 5465, et seq.; 5500, et seq.; 5521, et seq.; 5545, et seq.; 5554, et seq.; 5565, et seq.; 5583, et seq.; and 5606, et seq.	Requirements for flammable liquids, gases, and vapors
8 CCR 5583, et seq.	Requirements for design, construction, and installation of venting, diking, valving, and supports
8 CCR 6150, et seq.; 6151, et seq.; 6165, et seq.; 6170, et seq.; and 6175, et seq.	Provides fire protection requirements
24 CCR 3 et seq.	Incorporates current addition of Uniform Building Code
8 CCR, Part 6	Provides health and safety requirements for working with tanks and boilers
Health and Safety Code Section 25500, et seq.	Requires that every new or modified facility that handles, treats, stores, or disposes of more than the threshold quantity of any of the listed acutely hazardous materials prepare and maintain a Risk Management Plan (RMP)
Health and Safety Code Sections 25500 through 25541	Requires the preparation of a Hazardous Material Business Plan (HMBP) that details emergency response plans for a hazardous materials emergency at the facility

**TABLE 8.7-3**  
Local Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and Standards Required by Los Angeles County

<b>Law, Ordinance, Regulation, or Standard</b>	<b>Applicability</b>
Specific hazardous material handling requirements	Provides response agencies with necessary information to address emergencies
Emergency Response Plan	Allows response agency to integrate VPP emergency response activities into any response actions
Business Plan	Provides response agency with overview of VPP purpose and operations
Risk Management Plan (Certified Unified Program Agency [CUPA])	Provides response agency with detailed review of risks and hazards located at VPP and mitigation implemented to control risks or hazards.

TABLE 8.7-4  
Applicable National Consensus Standards

Law, Ordinance, Regulation, or Standard	Applicability
Uniform Fire Code, Article 80	Addresses the prevention, control, and mitigation of dangerous conditions related to storage, dispensing, use, and handling of hazardous materials and information needed by emergency response personnel
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers	Requirements for selection, placement, inspection, maintenance, and employee training for portable fire extinguishers
NFPA 11, Standard for Low-Expansion Foam and Combined Agent Systems	Requirements for installation and use of low-expansion foam and combined-agent systems
NFPA 11A, Standard for Medium- and High-Expansion Foam Systems	Requirements for installation and use of medium- and high-expansion foam systems
NFPA 12, Standard on Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems	Requirements for installation and use of carbon dioxide extinguishing systems
NFPA 13, Standard for Installation of Sprinkler Systems	Guidelines for selection and installation of fire sprinkler systems
NFPA 13A, Recommended Practice for the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Sprinkler Systems	Guidance for inspection, testing, and maintenance of sprinkler systems
NFPA 14, Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems	Guidelines for selection and installation of standpipe and hose systems
NFPA 15, Standard for Water Spray Fixed Systems	Guidelines for selection and installation of water spray fixed systems
NFPA 17, Standard for Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems	Guidance for selection and use of dry chemical extinguishing systems
NFPA 20, Standard for the Installation of Centrifugal Fire Pumps	Guidance for selection and installation of centrifugal fire pumps
NFPA 22, Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection	Requirements for water tanks for private fire protection
NFPA 24, Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances	Requirements for private fire service mains and their appurtenances
NFPA 26, Recommended Practice for the Supervision of Valves Controlling Water Supplies	Supervision guidance for valves controlling water supplies
NFPA 30, Flammable and Combustible Liquid Code	Requirements for storage and use of flammable and combustible liquids
NFPA 37, Standard for the Installation and Use of Stationary Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines	Fire protection requirements for installation and use of combustion engines and gas turbines
NFPA 50A, Standard for Gaseous Hydrogen Systems at Consumer Sites	Fire protection requirements for hydrogen systems
NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code	Fire protection requirements for use of fuel gases
NFPA 59A, Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases	Requirements for storage and handling of liquefied petroleum gases
NFPA 68, Guide for Explosion Venting	Guidance in design of facilities for explosion venting

TABLE 8.7-4  
Applicable National Consensus Standards

Law, Ordinance, Regulation, or Standard	Applicability
NFPA 70, National Electric Code	Guidance on safe selection and design, installation, maintenance, and construction of electrical systems
NFPA 70B, Recommended Practice for Electrical Equipment Maintenance	Guidance on electrical equipment maintenance
NFPA 70E, Standard for Electrical Safety Requirements for Employee Workplaces	Employee safety requirements for working with electrical equipment
NFPA 71, Standard for the Installation, Maintenance, and Use of Central Station Signaling Systems	Requirements for installation, maintenance, and use of central station signaling systems
NFPA 72A, Standard for the Installation, Maintenance and Use of Local Protective Signaling Systems for Guard's Tour, Fire Alarm and Supervisory Service	Requirements for installation, maintenance, and use of local protective signaling systems
NFPA 72E, Standard on Automatic Fire Detection	Requirements for automatic fire detection
NFPA 72F, Standard for the Installation, Maintenance and Use of Emergency Voice/Alarm of Communication Systems	Requirements for installation, maintenance, and use of emergency and alarm communications systems
NFPA 72H, Guide for Testing Procedures for Local, Auxiliary, Remote Station and Proprietary Protective Signaling Systems	Testing procedures for types of signaling systems anticipated for facility
NFPA 75, Standard for the Protection of Electronic Computer/Data Processing Equipment	Requirements for fire protection systems used to protect computer systems
NFPA 78, Lightning Protection Code	Lightning protection requirements
NFPA 80, Standard for Fire Doors and Windows	Requirements for fire doors and windows
NFPA 90A, Standard for the Installation of Air Conditioning and Ventilating Systems	Requirements for installation of air conditioning and ventilating systems
NFPA 101, Code for Safety to Life from Fire in Buildings and Structures	Requirements for design of means of exiting the facility
NFPA 291, Recommended Practice for Fire Flow Testing and Marking of Hydrants	Guidelines for testing and marking of fire hydrants
NFPA 850, Recommended Practice for Fire Protection for Fossil Fuel Steam Electric Generating Plants	Requirements for fire protection in fossil-fuel steam electric generating plants
NFPA 1961, Standard for Fire Hose	Specifications for fire hoses
NFPA 1962, Standard for the Care, Maintenance, and Use of Fire Hose Including Connections and Nozzles	Requirements for care, maintenance, and use of fire hose
NFPA 1963, Standard for Screw Threads and Gaskets for Fire Hose Connections	Specifications for fire hose connections
American National Standards Institute/American Society for Mechanical Engineers (ANSI/ASME), Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code	Specifications and requirements for pressure vessels
ANSI, B31.2, Fuel Gas Piping	Specifications and requirements for fuel gas piping

### 8.7.3 Setting

The City of Vernon proposes to develop a 914-MW net (at 65°F with duct burners and evaporative cooling) combined-cycle generating facility configured using three natural-gas-fired combustion turbines and one steam turbine. The VPP will connect to the electrical transmission system via a new double-circuit 230-kV line from the plant's substation to the Southern California Edison (SCE) Laguna Bell Substation. Natural gas for the facility will be delivered via approximately 2,200 feet of new 24-inch pipeline that will connect to SoCalGas's existing gas transmission line (Line 765). In addition to the power plant, the project will connect to the City's potable water line and the Central Basin Municipal Water District's (CBMWD) recycled water line in Boyle Avenue, adjacent to the plant site. Sanitary wastewater disposal will be to Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (LACSD) via the City's sanitary sewer system. A new 18-inch sewer line connection will be added to connect to the County's system.

### 8.7.4 Impacts

#### 8.7.4.1 Environmental Checklist

Impacts would generally be evaluated with respect to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) checklist. The CEQA checklist does not have specific questions for worker health and safety. Related questions are addressed in the Hazardous Materials Management and Noise checklists.

#### 8.7.4.2 Discussion of Impacts

During this project, the workers will be exposed to construction safety and VPP operation safety hazards. To evaluate these hazards and control measures, a hazard analysis has been prepared. The analysis identifies the hazards anticipated during construction and operation and indicates which safety programs should be developed and implemented to mitigate and appropriately manage those hazards. The hazard analysis prepared for construction activities is outlined in Table 8.7-5; the hazard analysis prepared for plant operation is outlined in Table 8.7-6. Since the types of hazards anticipated during plant construction and operation are similar, there is considerable duplication between the tables.

TABLE 8.7-5  
Construction Hazard Analysis

Activity	Hazard*	Control*
Motor vehicle and heavy equipment use	Employee injury and property damage from collisions between people and equipment	Motor Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Safety Program
Forklift operation	Same as heavy equipment	Forklift Operation Program
Trenching and excavation	Employee injury and property damage from the collapse of trenches and excavations	Excavation/Trenching Program
Working at elevated locations	Falls from the same level and elevated areas	Fall Prevention Program Scaffolding/Ladder Safety Program Articulating Boom Platforms Program

**TABLE 8.7-5**  
Construction Hazard Analysis

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Hazard*</b>	<b>Control*</b>
Use of cranes and derricks	Property damage from falling loads; employee injuries from falling loads; and injuries and property damage from contact with crane or derrick	Crane and Material Handling Program
Working with flammable and combustible liquids	Fire/spills	Fire Protection and Prevention Program; Housekeeping and Material Handling and Storage Program
Hot work (including cutting and welding)	Employee injury and property damage from fire; exposure to fumes during cutting and welding; ocular exposure to ultraviolet and infrared radiation during cutting and welding	Hot Work Safety Program; Respiratory Protection Program; Employee Exposure Monitoring Program; Personal Protective Equipment Program
Inspection and maintenance of temporary systems used during construction activities	Employee injury and property damage from contact with hazardous energy sources (electrical, thermal, mechanical, etc.)	Electrical Safety Program
Working on electrical equipment and systems	Employee contact with live electricity and energized equipment	Electrical Safety Program; Personal Protective Equipment Program
Exposure to Hazardous Waste	Personnel who are working with or have the potential to be exposed to contaminated soil, groundwater, or debris during construction	Hazardous Waste Program
Confined space entry	Employee injury from physical and chemical hazards	Permit-Required Confined-Space Entry Program
General construction activity	Employee injury from hand and portable power tools	Hand and Portable Power Tool Safety Program; Personal Protective Equipment Program
General construction activity	Employee injury/property damage from inadequate walking and work surfaces	Housekeeping and Material Handling and Storage Program
General construction activity	Employee exposure to occupational noise	Hearing Conservation Program Personal Protective Equipment Program
General construction activity	Employee injury from improper lifting and carrying of materials and equipment	Back Injury Prevention Program
General construction activity	Employee injury to head, eye/face, hand, body, foot, and skin	Personal Protective Equipment Program
General construction activity	Employee exposure to hazardous gases, vapors, dusts, liquids, and fumes	Hazard Communication Program; Respiratory Protection Program; Personal Protective Equipment Program; Air Monitoring Program
General construction activity	Employee exposure to various hazards; reporting of hazardous	Injury and Illness Prevention Program

TABLE 8.7-5  
Construction Hazard Analysis

Activity	Hazard*	Control*
	conditions during construction	
General construction activity	Heat and cold stress	Heat and Cold Stress Monitoring and Control Program
Construction and testing of high-pressure steam and air systems	Employee injury and property damage due to failure of pressurized system components or unexpected release of pressure	Pressure Vessel and Pipeline Safety Program; Electrical Safety Program

\* The hazards and hazard controls provided are generic to construction activities. During various phases of construction, a hazard analysis will be performed to evaluate the hazards and develop appropriate controls.

TABLE 8.7-6  
Operation Hazard Analysis

Activity	Hazard*	Control*
Motor vehicle and heavy equipment use	Employee injury and property damage from collisions between people and equipment	Motor Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Safety Program
Forklift operations	Same as heavy equipment	Forklift Operation Program
Trenching and excavation	Employee injury and property damage from the collapse of trenches and excavations	Excavation/Trenching Program
Working at elevated locations	Falls from the same level and elevated areas	Fall Protection Program; Scaffolding/Ladder Safety Program
Use of cranes or derricks	Property damage from falling loads, employee injuries from falling loads, injuries and property damage from contact with crane or derrick	Crane and Material Handling Program
Working with flammable and combustible liquids	Fire/spills	Fire Protection and Prevention Program
Working with hazardous materials	Employee injury due to ingestion, inhalation, dermal contact	Hazard Communication Program
Hot work (including cutting and welding)	Employee injury and property damage from fire; exposure to fumes during cutting and welding; ocular exposure to ultraviolet and infrared radiation during cutting and welding	Hot Work Safety Program; Respiratory Protection Program; Employee Exposure Monitoring Program; Personal Protective Equipment Program; Fire Protection and Prevention Program
Troubleshooting and maintenance of plant systems and general operational activities	Employee injury and property damage from contact with hazardous energy sources (electrical, thermal, mechanical, etc.)	Electrical Safety Program
Working on electrical equipment and systems	Employee contact with live electricity	Electrical Safety Program; Personal Protective Equipment Program

TABLE 8.7-6  
Operation Hazard Analysis

Activity	Hazard*	Control*
Confined space entry	Employee injury from physical and chemical hazards	Permit-Required Confined-Space Entry Program
General plant operation activities	Employee injuries from hand and portable power tools	Hand and Portable Power Tool Safety Program; Personal Protective Equipment Program
General plant operation activities	Employee injury and property damage from inadequate walking and work surfaces	Housekeeping and Material Handling and Storage Program
General plant operation activities	Employee overexposure to occupational noise	Hearing Conservation Program; Personal Protective Equipment Program
General plant operation activities	Employee injury from improper lifting and carrying of materials and equipment	Back Injury Prevention Program
General plant operation activities	Employee injury and property damage from unsafe driving	Safe Driving Program
General plant operation activities	Employee overexposure to hazardous gases, vapors, dusts, liquids, and fumes	Hazard Communication Program; Respiratory Protection Program; Personal Protective Equipment Program; Employee Exposure Monitoring Program
General plant operation activities	Reporting and repair of hazardous conditions	Injury and Illness Prevention Program
General plant operation activities	Heat and cold stress	Heat and Cold Stress Monitoring and Control Program
General plant operation activities	Ergonomic injuries	Ergonomic Awareness Program
Maintenance and repair of high-pressure steam and air systems	Employee injury and property damage due to failure of pressurized system components or unexpected release of pressure	Pressure Vessel and Pipeline Safety Program; Electrical Safety Program
Ammonia storage	Ammonia release	Emergency Action Program/Plan; Risk Management Plan (see Section 8.12)

\* The hazard and hazard controls provided are generic to operational activities. This hazard analysis may have to be updated if plant operations change or new equipment is added that was not considered during this evaluation.

#### 8.7.4.2.1 Overview of Hazards and Related Programs and Training

Programs are overall plans that set forth the method or methods that will be followed to achieve particular health and safety objectives. For example, the Fire Protection and Prevention Program will describe what has to be done to protect against and prevent fires. This will include equipment required, such as alarm systems and firefighting equipment, and procedures to follow to protect against fires. The Emergency Action Program/Plan will describe escape procedures, rescue and medical procedures, alarm and communication systems, and response procedures for very hazardous materials that can migrate, such as ammonia. The programs or plans are contained in written documents that are usually kept at specific locations within the facility.

Each program or plan will contain training requirements that are translated into detailed training courses. These courses are taught to plant construction and operating personnel, as needed. For example, all plant operating personnel will receive training in escape procedures under the Emergency Action Program/Plan, but only those working with flammables will receive training under the Fire Protection and Prevention Program.

Tables 8.7-5 and 8.7-6, which list construction and operation activities and associated hazards, also show (under the “Control” column) the program designed to reduce the occurrence of each hazard.

### **8.7.4.3 Health and Safety Programs**

To protect the safety and health of workers during the construction and operation of the VPP, health and safety programs designed to mitigate hazards and comply with applicable regulations will be implemented. Periodic audits will be performed by qualified individuals to determine whether proper work practices are being used to mitigate hazardous conditions and to evaluate regulatory compliance.

The following subsections contain information on the anticipated content of the health and safety programs.

#### **8.7.4.3.1 Construction Health and Safety Program**

The following construction safety programs will be developed and implemented during construction of the VPP, as outlined in the following lists.

##### ***Injury and Illness Prevention Program***

- Philosophy and safety commitment
- Safety leadership and responsibilities
- Accountability
- Specific core safety processes (see Construction Safety Programs later in this section)
- Employee communication
- Planning “job hazard analysis and pre-task”
- Compliance with work rules and safe work practices
- Measurement of compliance and effectiveness of prevention methods
- Communication of performance and implementation of necessary improvements
- Training and other communication requirements

##### ***Fire Protection and Prevention Program***

- General requirements
- Housekeeping and proper material storage
- Employee alarm/communication system
- Portable fire extinguishers
- Fixed firefighting equipment
- Fire control and containment
- Flammable and combustible liquid storage
- Use of flammable and combustible liquids
- Dispensing and disposal of flammable liquids
- Service and refueling areas
- Training

***Personal Protective Equipment Program***

- Personal protective devices
- Head protection
- Eye/face protection
- Body protection
- Hand protection
- Foot protection
- Skin protection
- Fall protection
- High-voltage protection
- Respiratory protection
- Hearing protection
- Hazard analysis
- Training

***Emergency Action Program/Plan***

Emergency procedures for the protection of personnel, equipment, the environment, and materials:

- Fire and emergency reporting procedures
- Response actions for accidents involving personnel and or property
- Bomb threats
- Site assembly and emergency evacuation route procedures
- Natural disasters response

Reporting and notification procedures for emergencies; contacts, including offsite and local authorities:

- Alarm and communication systems
- Spill response, prevention, and control action plan
- Emergency response equipment
- Emergency personnel (response team) responsibilities and notification roster
- Training requirements

***Construction Safety Programs*****Motor Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Safety Program**

- Operation and maintenance of vehicles
- Inspection
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Training

**Forklift Operation Program**

- Trained and certified operators
- Fueling operations
- Safe operating parameters
- Training

### **Excavation/Trenching Program**

- Shoring, sloping, and benching requirements
- California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal-OSHA) permit requirements
- Inspection
- Air monitoring
- Access and egress

### **Fall Protection Program**

- Evaluation of fall hazards
- Protection devices
- Training

### **Scaffolding/Ladder Safety Program**

- Construction and inspection of equipment
- Proper use
- Training

### **Articulating Boom Platforms Program**

- Inspection of equipment
- Load ratings
- Safe operating parameters
- Operator training

### **Crane and Material Handling Program**

- Certified and licensed operators
- Inspection of equipment
- Load ratings
- Safe operating parameters
- Training

### **Hazardous Waste Program**

- Evaluation of hazard
- Training
- Air monitoring
- Medical surveillance
- Health and Safety Plan (HSP) preparation

### **Hot Work Safety Program**

- Welding and cutting procedures
- Fire watch
- Hot work permit
- PPE
- Training

### **Employee Exposure Monitoring Program**

- Exposure evaluation
- Monitoring requirements
- Reporting of results
- Medical surveillance
- Training

**Electrical Safety Program**

- Grounding procedure
- Lock-out/ tag-out (LO/TO) procedures
- Overhead and underground utilities
- Utility clearance
- Training

**Permit-Required Confined Space Entry Program**

- Air monitoring and ventilation requirements
- Rescue procedures
- LO/TO and blocking, blinding, and blanking requirements
- Permit completion
- Training

**Hand and Portable Power Tool Safety Program**

- Guarding and proper operation
- Training

**Housekeeping and Material Handling and Storage Program**

- Storage requirements
- Walkways and work surfaces
- Equipment handling requirements
- Training

**Hearing Conservation Program**

- Identifying high-noise environments
- Exposure monitoring
- Medical surveillance requirements
- Hearing-protective devices
- Training

**Back Injury Prevention Program**

- Proper lifting and material handling procedures
- Training

**Hazard Communication Program**

- Labeling requirements
- Storage and handling
- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
- Chemical inventory
- Training

**Respiratory Protection Program**

- Selection and use
- Storage
- Fit testing
- Medical requirements
- Inspection and repair
- Training

**Heat and Cold Stress Monitoring and Control Program**

- Monitoring requirements
- Prevention and control

**Pressure Vessel and Pipeline Safety Program**

- Line-breaking program
- Equipment inspection and maintenance
- Blocking, bleeding, and blanking
- Training

**8.7.4.3.2 Operations Health and Safety Program**

Upon completion of construction and commencement of operations at VPP, the construction safety and health program will transition into an operations-oriented program reflecting the hazards and controls necessary during operation. The following text outlines the topics that will be included in the Operations Health and Safety Program.

***Injury and Illness Prevention Program***

- Personnel with the responsibility and authority for implementing the plan
- Safety and health policy
- Work rules and safe work practices
- System for ensuring that employees comply with safe work practices
- Employee communications
- Identification and evaluation of workplace hazards

Methods and/or procedures for correcting unsafe or unhealthy conditions, work practices, and work procedures in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards

- Specific safety procedures (See Plant Operation Safety Program)
- Training and instruction

***Fire Protection and Prevention Program***

- General requirements
- Fire hazard inventory, including ignition sources and mitigation
- Housekeeping and proper materials storage
- Employee alarm/communication system
- Portable fire extinguishers
- Fixed firefighting equipment
- Fire control
- Flammable and combustible liquid storage
- Use of flammable and combustible liquids
- Dispensing and disposal of liquids
- Training
- Personnel to contact for information on plan contents

***Emergency Action Program/Plan (Part of the Risk Management Plan)***

- Emergency escape procedures and emergency escape route assignments
- Procedures to be followed by employees who remain to operate critical plant operations before they evacuate
- Procedures to account for all employees after emergency evacuation has been completed

- Rescue and medical duties for those employees performing rescue and medical duties
- Fire and emergency reporting procedures
- Alarm and communication system
- Personnel to contact for information on plan contents
- Response procedure for ammonia release
- Training requirements

#### ***Personal Protective Equipment Program***

- Hazard analysis and prescription of PPE
- Personal protective devices
- Head protection
- Eye and face protection
- Body protection
- Hand protection
- Foot protection
- Skin protection
- Sanitation
- Safety belts and life lines for fall protection
- Protection for electric shock
- Medical services and first aid/bloodborne pathogens
- Respiratory protective equipment
- Hearing protection
- Training

#### ***Plant Operation Safety Program***

##### **Motor Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Safety Program**

- Operation and maintenance of vehicles
- Inspection
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Training

##### **Forklift Operation Program**

- Trained and certified operators
- Fueling operations
- Safe operating parameters
- Training

##### **Excavation/Trenching Program**

- Shoring, sloping, and benching requirements
- Cal-OSHA permit requirements
- Inspection
- Air monitoring
- Access and egress

##### **Fall Protection Program**

- Evaluation of fall hazards
- Protection devices
- Training

### **Scaffolding/Ladder Safety Program**

- Construction and inspection of equipment
- Proper use
- Training

### **Articulating Boom Platforms Program**

- Inspection of equipment
- Load ratings
- Safe operating parameters
- Operator training

### **Crane and Material Handling Program**

- Certified and licensed operators
- Inspection of equipment
- Load ratings
- Safe operating parameters
- Training

### **Hot Work Safety Program**

- Welding and cutting procedures
- Fire watch
- Hot work permit
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Training

### **Workplace Ergonomics Program**

- Identification of personnel at risk
- Evaluation of personnel
- Workplace and job activity modifications
- Training

### **Employee Exposure Monitoring Program**

- Exposure evaluation
- Monitoring requirements
- Reporting of results
- Medical surveillance
- Training

### **Electrical Safety Program**

- Grounding procedure
- LO/TO procedures
- Overhead and underground utilities
- Utility clearance
- Training

### **Permit-Required Confined Space Entry Program**

- Air monitoring and ventilation requirements
- Rescue procedures
- LO/TO and blocking, blinding, and blanking requirements

- Permit completion
- Training

**Hand and Portable Power Tool Safety Program**

- Guarding and proper operation
- Training

**Housekeeping and Material Handling and Storage Program**

- Storage requirements
- Walkways and work surfaces
- Equipment handling requirements
- Training

**Hearing Conservation Program**

- Identifying high-noise environments
- Exposure monitoring
- Medical surveillance requirements
- Hearing protective devices
- Training

**Back Injury Prevention Program**

- Proper lifting and material handling procedures
- Training

**Hazard Communication Program**

- Labeling requirements
- Storage and handling
- MSDS
- Chemical inventory
- Training

**Respiratory Protection Program**

- Selection and use
- Storage
- Fit testing
- Medical requirements
- Inspection and repair
- Training

**Heat and Cold Stress Monitoring and Control Program**

- Monitoring requirements
- Prevention and control

**Pressure Vessel and Pipeline Safety Program**

- Line-breaking policy
- Equipment inspection and maintenance
- Blocking, bleeding, and blanking
- Communication
- Training

### Safe Driving Program

- Inspection and maintenance
- Training

#### 8.7.4.4 Safety Training Programs

To ensure that employees recognize and understand how to protect themselves from potential hazards during this project, comprehensive training programs for construction and operation will be implemented as indicated in Tables 8.7-7 and 8.7-8. Each of the safety procedures developed to control and mitigate potential site hazards will require some form of training. Training will be delivered in various ways, depending on the requirements of Cal-OSHA standards, the complexity of the topic, the characteristics of the workforce, and the degree of risk associated with each of the identified hazards.

Tables 8.7-7 and 8.7-8 summarize the safety training programs that will be provided to construction and operations personnel, respectively.

TABLE 8.7-7  
Construction Training Program

Training Course	Target Employees
Injury and Illness Prevention Training	All
Emergency Action Program/Plan	All
Personal Protective Equipment Training	All
Motor Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Safety Training	Employees working on, near, or with heavy equipment or vehicles
Forklift Operation Training	Employees operating forklifts
Excavation/Trenching Safety Training	Employees involved with trenching or excavation
Fall Protection Training	Employees working at heights greater than 6 feet or required to use fall protection
Scaffolding/Ladder Safety Training	Employees required to erect or use scaffolding
Crane Safety Training	Employees supervising or performing crane operations
Fire Protection and Prevention Training	Employees responsible for the handling and storage of flammable or combustible liquids or gases
Hazard Communication Training	Employees handling or working with hazardous materials
Hazardous Waste	Employees handling or excavating hazardous waste
Hot Work Safety Training	Employees performing hot work
Fire Prevention and Protection Training	
Electrical Safety Training	Employees performing LO/TO or working on systems that require LO/TO activities
Electrical Safety Training	Employees required to work on electrical systems and equipment, or use electrical equipment and cords
Permit-Required Confined-Space Entry Training	Employees required to supervise or perform confined-space entry activities

**TABLE 8.7-7**  
Construction Training Program

<b>Training Course</b>	<b>Target Employees</b>
Hand and Portable Power Tool Safety Training	Employees that will be operating hand and portable power tools
Heat Stress and Cold Stress Safety Training	Employees that are exposed to temperature extremes
Hearing Conservation Training	All
Back Injury Prevention Training	All
Safe Driving Training	Employees supervising or driving motor vehicles
Pressure Vessel and Pipeline Safety Training	Employees supervising or working on pressurized systems or equipment
Respiratory Protection Training	All employees required to wear respiratory protection
Fire Protection and Prevention Training	All

**TABLE 8.7-8**  
Operations Training Program

<b>Training Course</b>	<b>Target Employees</b>
Injury and Illness Prevention Training	All
Emergency Action Plan	All
Personal Protective Equipment Training	All
Excavation/Trenching Safety Training	Employees involved with trenching or excavation
Scaffolding/Ladder Safety Training	Employees required to erect or use scaffolding
Fall Protection Training	Employees required to use fall protection
Forklift Operator Training	Employees operating forklifts
Crane Safety Training	Employees supervising or performing crane operations
Workplace Ergonomics	Employees performing repetitive activities
Fire Protection and Prevention Training	Employees responsible for the handling and storage of flammable or combustible liquids or gasses
Hot Work Safety Training	Employees performing hot work
Electrical Safety Training	Employees performing LO/TO
Electrical Safety	Employees required to work on electrical systems and equipment
Permit-required Confined-space Entry	Employees required to supervise or perform confined-space entry
Hand and Portable Power Tool Safety Training	Employees that will be operating hand and portable power tools

TABLE 8.7-8  
Operations Training Program

Training Course	Target Employees
Heat Stress and Cold Stress Safety Training	Employees exposed to temperature extremes
Hearing Conservation Training	All
Back Injury Prevention Training	All
Safe Driving Training	Employees supervising or driving motor vehicles
Hazard Communication Training	Employees handling or working around hazardous materials
Pressure Vessel and Pipeline Safety Training	Employees supervising or working on pressurized systems or equipment
Respiratory Protection Program	All employees required to wear respiratory protection
Fire Protection and Prevention Training	All

#### 8.7.4.5 Fire Protection

There are four fire stations in the City of Vernon. The Vernon Fire Department (VFD) is located on Fruitland Avenue, less than 1,500 feet from the project site and has an anticipated response time to the site of 3 minutes. The VPP is within the Vernon Fire Department (VFD) jurisdiction, a Class I Fire Department (using the Insurance Standards Organization rating), which includes it as one of the 35 top-rated fire departments in the nation. All fire personnel receive advanced fire and rescue training and are provided with state-of-the-art equipment and apparatus. Four fire stations allow fire crews to respond within every mile and a half of city property.

The department is comprised of 78 uniformed personnel. Fire Station 1 at 3375 Fruitland Avenue serves two roles as Fire Department Headquarters and as a Training Center. It will be the station responding to calls from the VPP site. Fire Station 1 is equipped with Engine 11, Truck 111 and the Command Vehicle. Depending on the severity of an incident, Station 1 may be assisted by other stations. Fire Station 2, at 4305 Santa Fe Avenue, is the home to Engine 12 and the Hazardous Materials unit 151. Fire Station 3, at 2800 South Soto Street, is the firehouse for Engine 13, Rescue 141, and the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) 161. Paramedics on Rescue 3 are trained in advanced life support and respond on all emergency incidents. The recently-acquired USAR Squad is a unique apparatus carrying highly-trained personnel and equipment specializing in Confined Space Rescue, Trench Rescue, High Angle Rope Rescue, Swift Water Rescue and Emergency Building and Shoring. Fire Station 4, at 4530 Bandini Boulevard, is the firehouse for Engine 14. This engine is also deployed in the local mutual aid system aiding some of the surrounding cities during larger multiple alarm fires.

#### 8.7.4.6 Emergency Response

Because of the highly industrialized nature of Vernon, firefighters receive specialized training to address emergency responses to industrial hazards. The Fire Department

provides training in hazardous materials, confined space rescue, rescue systems, emergency building shoring, fire prevention and investigation, and emergency responses to terrorism.

The Vernon Fire Department maintains a fully-staffed Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team (HMERT). The 34 Hazardous Materials Team Members are Vernon Firefighters who have undergone 320 hours of training to receive their “specialist” classification, as certified by the State of California and ongoing HAZMAT specialist education. Station 2 is equipped with a custom-built Hazardous Materials Unit equipped with an on-board laboratory; a variety of monitoring and detection devices; a portable weather station; lap-top computers; a library; personal protective equipment; and rescue and decontamination tools. The HAZMAT team is on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a local response time of 3 to 5 minutes (Whitworth, 2005).

#### 8.7.4.7 Hospitals

Emergency medical services are provided by the Vernon Police Department and Vernon Fire Department. Vernon contracts with American Medical Response (AMR) for paramedic support. AMR operates out of Station 2 and would provide ambulance service in a medical emergency at the project site. The VFD generally transports people with medical emergencies to White Memorial Medical Center, located approximately 4.65 miles from the project site at 1720 Cesar Chavez Ave, Los Angeles. White Memorial is equipped to handle emergency services and currently has 370 beds; however, it is often at capacity. The hospital is currently undergoing a rebuilding and upgrading project that will result in a new hospital slated for completion in 2008. The main portion of the hospital including, upgrades to the utilities, and a new acute care building is slated for completion by 2006.

### 8.7.5 Involved Agencies and Agency Contacts

Several agencies are involved to ensure protection of worker health and safety. Agency contacts relative to worker health and safety and fire are shown in Table 8.7-9.

TABLE 8.7-9  
Agency Contacts

Agency	Contact Name	Address and Telephone
City of Vernon, Community Services Department	Kevin Wilson Director of Community Services	City of Vernon Department of Community Services & Water 4305 Santa Fe Avenue Vernon, CA 90058 (323) 583-8811, x237
City of Vernon, Fire Department	Mark Whitworth Fire Chief	City of Vernon Fire Department 4305 Santa Fe Avenue Vernon, CA 90058 (323) 583-8811, x280
City of Vernon, Building Permits & Code Enforcement	Pepe Reynoso Code Enforcement Officer	City of Vernon Department of Community Services & Water 4305 Santa Fe Avenue Vernon, CA 90058 (323) 583-8811, x243

TABLE 8.7-9  
Agency Contacts

Agency	Contact Name	Address and Telephone
City of Vernon Health Department	Lewis Pozzebon Director/Health Officer	City of Vernon Health Department 4305 Santa Fe Avenue Vernon, CA 90058 (323) 583-8811, x229
Cal-OSHA –District Office	Mark Pasani District Manager	Cal-OSHA (District Office) 9459 East Slauson Avenue Pico Rivera, CA 90660-4747 (562) 949-7827
Cal-OSHA Pressure Vessel Unit	Frank Villanueva	Anaheim Pressure Vessel Unit District Office Division of OSHA 2100 East Katella Avenue Anaheim, CA 92806 (714) 939-0434

### 8.7.6 Permits Required and Permit Schedule

Table 8.7-10 lists applicable permits related to the protection of worker health and safety for VPP certification. The activities covered and application requirements to obtain each permit are provided.

All permits noted in Table 8.7-10 may be obtained from any Cal-OSHA district or field office as needed. Notification requirements are listed as 24 hours because the permits may be required at several points in the construction of the plant or during operations; no specific permitting schedule is provided.

TABLE 8.7-10  
Health and Safety Permits

Permit or Approval	Schedule	Applicability	Contact
Trenching and excavation permit	Submit completed permit application to any Cal-OSHA district or field office prior to commencing construction.	Trenches and excavations of more than 5 feet that personnel are required to enter, or Construction of buildings, structures, scaffolding, or falsework more than 3 stories high, or Demolition of any building or structure or dismantling of scaffolding or falsework more than 3 stories high	Any Cal-OSHA district or field office
Permit to erect a fixed tower crane	Submit completed permit application to any Cal-OSHA district or field office at least 24 hours prior to initiation of activity.	Required to erect, climb, or dismantle fixed tower cranes Completion of erection of tower crane and commencement of operation, or Climbing of the tower crane, or Dismantling of the tower crane	Any Cal-OSHA district or field office